GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:565
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SALE OF CORNEA
Nedurumalli Janardhana Reddy Shri

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that an employee of AIIMS was found selling cornea as reported in the Times of India dated 2.5.2005;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Hospital Authorities in the matter;

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken against the action taken against those found guilty ; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such cases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) An inquiry was conducted by the Institute on the reported sale of corneas. One Laboratory Attendant who was found involved in the case was dismissed from services with immediate effect. The Institute has been instructed to ensure regular stock verification and computerized record keeping to avoid recurrence of such cases in future.